

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-375-C - ORDER NO. 97-713
AUGUST 19, 1997

IN RE: Petition of AT&T Communications of the)	ORDER
Southern States, Inc. for Arbitration)	PARTIALLY
with GTE South, Inc.)	GRANTING
)	REQUEST

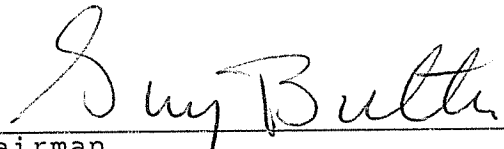
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of GTE South, Inc. (GTE or the Company) for a ninety (90) day extension until November 15, 1997 to file Cost Studies in this matter.

We would note that the Cost Studies were to be filed in response to Commission Order No. 97-211. On April 24, 1997, in our Order No. 97-343, we granted a sixty (60) day extension from the original deadline found in Order No. 97-211, until August 15, 1997. The Company now asks for an additional ninety (90) days, or until November 15, 1997 to file the Cost Studies. We note that the Commission has granted one (1) extension in this matter. Although we do not believe that the full ninety (90) day extension is appropriate in this case, we do, however, grant an extension of up to and including October 20, 1997 for the Cost Studies to be filed with the Commission.

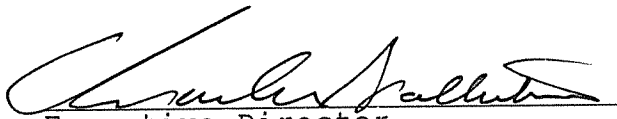
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)